

# BOROUGH OF RYE.

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## *Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1905.*

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To the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the RYE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of placing before you the Annual Report of the Health and Sanitary condition of the Borough of Rye, and the precautions taken against the occurrence and spread of Disease.

### **BIRTH RATE.**

The number of Births registered was 104 (53 boys and 51 girls) giving a rate of 25·27 per 1,000.

### **DEATH RATE.**

The number of Deaths was 40 (4 less than last year)—19 males and 21 females, which, calculated on a population of 4,114, gives a rate of 9·72 per 1,000. Out of this number 14 were over 65 years of age.

The principle causes of death were:—Cancer, 2; Heart Disease, 5; Phthisis (Pulmonary and Tuberculosis), 5; Bronchitis, 6.

Death Rate from Respiratory Diseases ... 1·70 per 1,000.

„ „ „ Phthisis (Pulmonary  
Tuberculosis) 1·21 „

„ „ among persons over 65 years of  
age, percentage of total deaths 45 „

Deaths under 1 year of age, 8, making an  
infant Death Rate of... 76·92 per 1,000 births.

## *PREVALENCE OF DISEASE.*

### **WHOOPING COUGH.**

A considerable number of cases occurred during the months of May, June, July, and August, but no death resulted therefrom.

### **MEASLES.**

A considerable outbreak occurred through July and August, on account of this and whooping cough, which was still prevalent, the schools had to be closed. The school Authorities were able to continue this closure into the Summer holidays, which was of great benefit in checking the outbreak.

### **INFLUENZA.**

The number of cases have been much the same as in the last few years. Each case short in duration and mild in character. No death is certified as being due to its influence.

### **DIPHTHERIA.**

No cases reported. This fortunate circumstance must be largely attributed to the excellent supply of water to the town.



### **SCARLET FEVER.**

One case of a mild description. At that time a large number of cases had occurred in a neighbouring town, and the possibility of infection occurring from that source not unlikely.

### **ERYSIPELAS.**

No case occurred during the year.

### **ENTERIC.**

No case occurred during the year.

## *SANITATION.*

The site for a Temporary Isolation Hospital for Small Pox is still available, and the tents, bedsteads, and bedding and other necessities are stored in readiness should a case occur.

The site for an Infectious Hospital has been purchased in the Parish of Udimore, and when the buildings are erected, will prove most advantageous for the united District.

The drainage of the town, generally, has been well attended to by the Borough Surveyor during the year, and several important relaying of pipes, notably in the Rope Walk and Fishmarket Road carried out.

The present water carriage system of drainage works admirably for the larger portion of the town. There are, however, two exceptions, these not being due to a fault in the system, but rather to the positions that have been chosen for the emptying of the main drains draining those portions. Should these positions be altered it must prove of great benefit to those areas.

New Houses continue to be erected and should prove a great boon to the working man.

The removal of refuse is satisfactorily performed by the Borough Scavenger.

The Bake-houses, Slaughter-houses, and Dairies have been visited and found to comply to the regulations.

The Factories and Workshops have been duly inspected and found to comply to the regulations.

## *WATER SUPPLY.*

The Water Supply continues to be of excellent quality. The supply is abundant and more than meets the present requirements of the town.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

**T. T. HARRATT,**

MINT HOUSE, RYE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

*31st January, 1906.*

